

**Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee
Meeting Minutes
Monroe County Art in Public Places Committee
Monday – May 11, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.
Marathon Govt. Center, Marathon**

In attendance were Committee members: Sue D'Antonio, Nance Frank, Beth Kaminstein, Dave Andrews, Jeffrey Harwell (via phone); Staff: Liz Young, Jodell Roberts

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of April 6, 2015

Motion: Beth moved to approve the April 6, 2015 minutes; seconded by Dave. The motion was passed unanimously.

Current Projects – Status Update –

Key West Senior Center- Bill Horn, architect. Project Budget- \$528,714. Contract has been executed. **Budget: \$5,287.14.** Art Budget \$ 4,500. Project management has requested security "art" grates for three front openings on building. The Committee discussed the role of committee regarding public art for this project. The "Key West Senior Center" section April 6, 2015 minutes were discussed.

MOTION: Beth moved to revise the April 6, 2015 minutes to delete from the "Key West Senior Center" section the sentence "If there are additional..." and replace it with: "The committee's discussion that project management is requesting specific public art such as art grates is not how the Art in Public Places Committee functions. The committee will revisit this discussion."; seconded by Dave. The motion passed unanimously.

Liz discussed a recent conversation with Doug Sposito regarding art grates for the site. Doug Sposito will be invited to the June 22nd AIPP meeting at the Harvey Government Center. Sue will not be able to attend the meeting in person and will try to attend via telephone. Bill Horn will be invited to the June 22nd meeting in Key West. Liz will request a Key West Senior Center site plan and confirm from Mr. Horn his attendance at the June meeting.

Freeman Justice Center - Site B: Drug Court lobby & meeting room – Recommended artist, Amy Chan. Art Budget \$4,100. Liz installed work with Scott Wilcox. Liz has had very positive feedback regarding the art work from Drug Court facility staff. Signs for the artwork have been ordered. The artist will pay Scott Wilcox directly for the installation. Amy Chan has invoiced Ann Riger, which will be a one-time payment currently in process.

Marathon Court House –Budget \$8,311.05. RFP for exterior artwork budget is **\$7,200.** Doug Sposito is the County project contact. Sue has recently seen the site which has been dug up and suggested moving forward with the Request for Proposals. As Judge Becker has Jury selections on Mondays, a special meeting not on a Monday for the RFP panel could be called. Holly Elomina has time constraints that preclude her serving as a non-voting member of the panel for this project. Discussion followed regarding the appointment by the County Administration of a replacement non-voting member panel member. Judge Ruth Becker will be asked for a recommendation. The project is anticipated to be completed by mid-May. Once the site has been put back together, photos can be taken for use in the RFP.

Bernstein Park, Stock Island renovations: Bill Horn, architect. Plans are 90% complete. This approximately \$5 million project includes a park recreation center with bathrooms. The bid process will take several months (sometime this Summer). There is a possible component with the Boys & Girls Club. Discussion followed regarding the type of public art for the project. Eco art was suggested, such as a recycled water feature. Bill Horn could be consulted about this. Discussion followed regarding the nature of eco art and examples of eco art were given. Jeff offered a definition as art that saves the environment and also creates art. Liz gave an example of a water collection and distribution system that was an art work in itself. A FAPAP contact, who has consulted with a number of artists in South Florida, was discussed who could be contacted regarding this type of project. Nance discussed security issues at the park and the placement of art. She suggested art that is not breakable and that art could be encouraged that casts light in dark areas of the park. Liz spoke of Bill Horn's special knowledge regarding lighting. Soccer and baseball are planned to be played at the park

Marathon Library – Discussion has occurred and ILA (interlocal agreement) is being drafted. The new/renovated Library facility will be near the elementary school and will incorporate the Adult Ed Senior Center. Budget and scope of work are to be determined in 2015. There is no change to this project.

Key West Airport – Liz will connect with the airport regarding the Whitehead St. Pottery piece that was re-sited to the hallway where a conference room is potentially planned to be constructed. There was discussion of Helen Harrison's request to include on the agenda her desire to sell her palm frond/coral piece to the airport and any committee action in connection with this matter.

Motion: Nance moved that the Committee will not consider requests from artists regarding the purchase of Art in Public Buildings art work; Dave seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Conch Key Fire Station – Beth gave an update on lighting options for the fused glass art work at the station. Maureen Mellville's pieces are clear glass and will need a sheet of diffused plexiglass to diffuse the lighting behind the art work. Beth will provide a site link regarding the recommended plexiglass to Liz. Beth's consultant recommended LED lumisheet as a light source. As yet, we have no estimate of costs. The lumisheet will not generate heat and will require an electrical outlet as a power source within 30 feet of the lumisheet. There was discussion of how the project will be financed, as this type of project has not yet been done by the committee and there are no AIPP funds available. The next steps are to determine a recommendation and estimate, followed by a determination of the source of funds. Beth will provide an estimate for the project.

FAPAP 2015 Conference: A recap by the committee of the conference followed. Sue thanked everyone for their help and those who attended the conference. The Committee viewed and commented on the recently produced Monroe County Public Art video that was shown at the FAPAP conference.

Projects Slated for 2016/ 2017:

Plantation Key Court House
Summerland Key Fire Station
Big Pine Key Swimming Hole
KW Airport – final phase of etched glass project.

The following projects have been placed **on hold** (no funds allocated) by BOCC as of March 18, 2009:

- Old Tavernier School
- Jefferson Brown Bldg. /Old Historic Jail
- Marathon EOC – Design phase

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the meeting.

Public Input – No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting.

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodell Roberts
Business Manager